

Purpose

1. To provide the Education Standing Committee with the opportunity to:
 - discuss the draft final report of the School Meals Working Group and agree the recommendation from the review.

Information

2. On 28 September 2009 Members received a response to the recommendations of the Increasing Take-up of School Meals Review which was completed in April 2009. There were a number of recommendations from the review including:

Combine all activities associated with school food service into one area providing increased accountability and a single point of contact.

3. In response to this recommendation the Cabinet Members for Children and Young People's and Personnel and Performance requested that further examination of the issue be undertaken to determine fully the effects of combining the service and what benefits, if any, could result.
4. The Education Standing Committee agreed that a working group be set up to consider this recommendation. Members of the working group examined written evidence and discussed the issues and concerns with departmental officers. The final report and recommendation, attached as an appendix to this report, have been agreed by the working group and members of the Education Standing Committee are invited to discuss the report and agree the recommendation.
5. The report will be submitted to Cabinet for consideration and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

indicates that a response should be made to scrutiny recommendations within two months.

Recommendations

6. It is recommended that the Education Standing Committee:
- consider the draft final report and discuss the recommendation
 - that subject to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Standing Committee agreeing the final text of any amendments, the Standing Committee agree the final report.

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Background papers:

Nil